

**Listing of Claims:**

1 and 2. Canceled.

1 3. (Original) A method for manufacturing a padded body comprising the steps  
2 of:  
3 preparing a skin layer formed in a bag shape, said skin layer having at least  
4 a porous part and an opening for supplying a granular or fragmental filler therein:  
5 setting said skin layer in a padding container, said padding container having  
6 an inner space, a suction port connected between the inner space and a pumping  
7 source and a supply port for supplying said filler, said skin layer being set in said  
8 padding container such that said opening fits to said supply port:  
9 driving said pumping source to produce airflow from said supply port to the  
10 inside of said skin layer through said opening and from the inside of said skin  
11 layer to said suction port; and  
12 supplying a predetermined amount of said filler to the inside of said skin  
13 layer by use of said airflow to form the padded body.

1 4. (Original) The method of claim 3, further including the steps of:  
2 premixing said filler and a water reactive binder;  
3 setting the padded body in a molding container having a predetermined  
4 cavity; and  
5 passing steam through the inside of said molding container, wherein said  
6 binder reacts to said steam, and thereby the filler adheres ~~each other~~ to itself and  
7 adheres to an inner surface of said skin layer.

1 5. (Currently amended) A method for manufacturing a padded body  
2 comprising the steps of:  
3 premixing filler made of a granular or fragmental material and a water  
4 reactive binder;  
5 preparing a skin layer formed in a bag shape, said skin layer having at least

6 a porous part and an opening for supplying said filler;  
7 setting said skin layer in a padding and molding container, said padding  
8 and molding container having a slide block movable between a closing position  
9 and an opening position, a cavity formed in a predetermined shape when said  
10 slide block is moved into said closing position, a supply port for supplying said  
11 filler and a suction port connected between said cavity and a pumping source  
12 when said slide block is moved into said opening position, said port being closed  
13 by said slide block when said slide block is moved into said closing position  
14 wherein said skin layer is set in said padding and molding container such that  
15 said opening fits to said supply port;  
16 positioning said slide block at said opening position, and driving said  
17 pumping source to produce airflow from said supply port to the inside of said skin  
18 layer through said opening and from the inside of said skin layer to said suction  
19 port;  
20 supplying a predetermined amount of said filler to the inside of said skin  
21 layer by use of said airflow to form a padded body;  
22 moving said slide block into said closing position; and  
23 passing steam through the inside of said padding and molding container,  
24 thereby said binder reacts to said steam so that said filler adheres each  
25 other to itself and adheres to an inner surface of said skin layer.

1 6. (Original) A method of manufacturing a padded body comprising the steps  
2 of:  
3 premixing filler made of a granular or fragmental material and a water  
4 reactive binder;  
5 preparing a skin layer formed in a bag shape, said skin layer having at least  
6 a porous part and an opening for supplying said filler therein;  
7 setting said skin layer in a pre-molding container provided inside a suction  
8 container, said suction container having an inner space, an output port connected

9 between the inner space and a pumping source and an input port connected to  
10 the outside thereof, said pre-molding container having a cavity, a suction port  
11 connected between said cavity and said inner space and a supply port disposed  
12 so as to fit to said opening, wherein said skin layer is set in said pre-molding  
13 container such that said opening fits to said suction port;  
14 driving said pumping source to produce airflow from said input port to the  
15 inside of said skin layer through said opening fitted to said supply port by use of  
16 means for removably connecting between said input port and said supply port and  
17 from the inside of said skin layer to said output port through said suction port;  
18 supplying a predetermined amount of said filler to the inside of said skin  
19 layer by use of said airflow to form a padded body;  
20 setting the padded body in a molding container having a cavity having a  
21 predetermined shape; and  
22 passing steam through the inside of said molding container;  
23 thereby said binder reacts to said steam, and said filler adheres ~~each other~~  
24 to itself and adheres to an inner surface of said skin layer.

1 7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 6, wherein a funnel is used as  
2 said means for removably connecting between said input port and said supply  
3 port.

1 8. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[3]]~~ 4, wherein said filler is  
2 made of foamed urethane, cloth or plastics, and said binder is a urethane  
3 binder.

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1 11. (Currently amended) A padding and molding container having a cavity  
2 therein comprising:

3 a slide block movable between a closing position and an opening position.  
4 a supply port for supplying filler made of a granular or fragmental material  
5 to the inside of a skin layer formed in a bag shape and having at least a porous  
6 part and an opening for supplying said filler therein, said opening fitting to said  
7 supply port; and  
8 a suction port connected between said cavity and a pumping source when  
9 said slide block is at said opening position, said cavity having a predetermined  
10 shape when said slide block is at said closing position, said suction port being  
11 closed by said block when said slide block is at said closing position.

1 12. (Original) The padding and molding container of claim 11, wherein when  
2 said slide block is at said opening position and said pumping source is  
3 driven, airflow is produced from said supply port to the inside of the skin  
4 layer through said opening and from the inside of said skin layer to said  
5 suction port, and said filler is supplied to the inside of said skin layer by use  
6 of said airflow, and  
7 wherein when said slide block is at said closing position, a padded  
8 body in  
9 which a predetermined amount of said filler is padded is set in said molding  
10 container and is formed in a shape corresponding to said predetermined  
11 shape  
12 of said cavity.

1 13. (Original) The padding and molding container of claim 12 further including  
2 at least one air hole for passing steam through said air hole, when a water  
3 reactive binder is mixed with said filler to be supplied.

1 14. (Currently amended) A padding container for forming a padded body  
2 comprising of:

3           an inner space;  
4           a suction port connected between said inner space and a pumping source;  
5           a supply port connected to the outside of the padding container; and  
6           a pre-molding container provided in said inner space;  
7           said pre-molding container comprising of:  
8           a cavity formed therein;  
9           an entry for supplying filler made of a granular or fragmental material to  
10          the inside of a skin layer formed in a bag shape and having at least a porous part  
11          and an opening, said entry being connected to said supply port by connecting  
12          means, and said filler being supplied to the inside of said skin layer through said  
13          opening; and  
14               at least one through hole connected between said cavity and said inner  
15          space,  
16               wherein said skin layer is set in said pre-molding container such that said  
17          opening fits to said entry and said connecting means is removable from said entry  
18          and said supply port.

1   15.   (Currently amended) The padding container of claim 14, wherein said  
2          ~~supply port is connected to said opening by use of a funnel~~ said connecting  
3          means is a funnel.

1   16.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 5, wherein said filler is made  
2          of foamed urethane, cloth or plastics, and said binder is a urethane binder.

1   17.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein said filler is made  
2          of foamed urethane, cloth or plastics, and said binder is a urethane binder.